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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the September edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research and evaluation community.

NEW PROGRAM AREA FOR THE BJA CENTER FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION WEB SITE: CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation has added a new program area on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). The program area describes strategies that can be used to promote a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime and an improvement in the quality of life in a community, provides examples of relevant performance measures, and includes evaluations and other relevant reports.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/psi cp/cpted-index.htm.

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DEFERRED PROSECUTION

Robert Barnoski with the Washington State Institute for Public Policy has published a report entitled, *Deferred Prosecution of DUI Cases in Washington State: Evaluating the Impact on Recidivism.* The report presents findings concerning the impact of deferred prosecution on recidivism, the effectiveness of a prosecutor diversion program on reducing DUI recidivism, and changes in recidivism rates after the 1998 enactment of deferred prosecution legislation. http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/07-08-1901.pdf.

Drug Courts

NPC Research recently published five outcome, process and cost studies of several adult drug courts in Indiana and three process evaluations of Indiana juvenile drug courts:

Indiana Drug Courts: Monroe County Drug Treatment Court: Process, Outcome and Cost Evaluation, Final Report

http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Monroe_Adult_Eval_Final.pdf.

Useful resources for planning and implementing program evaluations and for developing program performance measures are available at:

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html



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Indiana Drug Courts: St. Joseph County Drug Court Program: Process, Outcome and Cost Evaluation, Final Report http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/St._Joseph_Adult_Eval_Final.pdf.

Indiana Drug Courts: Vanderburgh County Day Reporting Drug Court: Process, Outcome and Cost Evaluation, Final Report

http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Vanderburgh_Adult_Eval_Final.pdf.

Indiana Drug Courts: Vanderburgh County Juvenile Drug Court Program Process Evaluation, Final Report http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Vanderburgh_Juvenile_Eval_Final.pdf.

Indiana Drug Courts: Tippecanoe County Juvenile Treatment Court: Process Evaluation, Final Report http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Tippecanoe_Juvenile_Eval_Final.pdf.

Indiana Drug Courts: Vigo County Drug Court: Process, Outcome and Process Evaluation, Final Report http://www.npcresearch.com/Files/Vigo_Adult_Eval_Final.pdf.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & TRAININGS

JRSA 2007 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The JRSA 2007 National Conference, *Justice Research and Statistics: From Knowledge to Practice*, will be held October 11-12, 2007 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Visit the conference web site for more information including conference registration and the preliminary agenda.

http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html.

THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (AEA)

The AEA will hold its annual conference November 7-10, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland. *Evaluation 2007: Evaluation and Learning* will also feature professional development workshops. http://www.eval.org/eval2007/.

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC) will conduct a special training workshop on program evaluation in Birmingham, Alabama, December 4-5, 2007. Visit their web site to register for the training.

http://www.sei2003.com/ovcttac/evaluation.htm.

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http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/e-news.htm.

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